

**Washington, DC** - Today, **Congressman Charlie Gonzalez (TX-20)** wrote a letter congratulating San Antonio's CommuniCare Health Centers on being one of the recipients of federal grants for health centers. The grants were created and funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (HR 1) to support new and innovative health centers.

"It is with great pleasure that I write to congratulate CommuniCare Health Centers for receiving \$1.3 million from the Department of Health and Human Services through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act," Gonzalez wrote to CommuniCare CEO Debbora Thompson. "As one of 126 health centers that will receive this funding, you should be very proud of CommuniCare's excellent work and reputation.

"For more than 37 years, CommuniCare Health Centers has served the underprivileged seeking quality health care in San Antonio. CommuniCare Health Centers has provided medical services such as family practice, pediatrics, OB/GYN and internal medicine to the areas around San Antonio where it is needed most.

"This grant will help CommuniCare continue its proud tradition of providing health care services to those most in need and I congratulate you and everyone in the CommuniCare family for receiving this well-deserved funding. I wish you much continued success in your endeavor."

The Department of Health and Human Services selected 126 different health centers across the country to which it awarded \$155 million in grants. President Obama explained, "The construction and expansion of health centers will create thousands of new jobs, help provide health care to an estimated 750,000 Americans across the country who wouldn't have access to care without these centers, and take another step toward an affordable, accessible health care system."

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